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TOPIC Soviet Tank Repair Shop at Wuensdorf

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1. From 10 September until 6 October 1953, 20 T-34 tanks arrived by rail at the tank repair shop in Wuensdorf for complete overhaul. Fifteen of the tanks were repaired between 2 and 24 September. Their departure was made only at night. 1 25X1
2. Bogie wheels and axles produced at the installation in excess of the requirement of the plant were delivered to the troops. At the beginning of September, about 80 axles and 100 bogie wheels ready to be shipped to the troops were noticed. 2 25X1
3. In mid-September 1953, the depot received 135 manometers from a Soviet depot, in Frankfurt/Oder. 3 25X1
4. an order of a unit in Wuensdorf for 10 electric kitchen hearths and 150 electric bulbs to be delivered by the material dump of the dept. 3
5. On 9 October, 3 boxcarloads of bogie wheels and tank axles were shipped to Muellrose. 4
6. Between 1 and 10 October, 21 tanks arrived at the Wuensdorf tank repair shop for complete overhaul. Nineteen tanks left the assembly halls ready to be picked up during the same period. 1
7. Large quantities of bogie wheels and angular axles for T-34 tanks to be shipped to other workshops were piled up in a fenced-in area between the two shops of the tinsmith's and the warehouse in late September 1953. 2 25X1
8. On the morning of 14 September, about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or motor transport insignia fell in in front of workshops of the tank repair shop. About 490 Germans were employed at the plant on that day. 5

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9. The following Soviet officers were assigned to the plant in early August 1953: 25X1

Colonel Khokhlov (fnu), repair shop commandant

Lieutenant Colonel Vasiliev (Tech) (fnu), deputy commandant

Lieutenant Colonel Kamakhin (fnu), political officer

Captain Bagramov (fnu), political officer

Captain Varabiov (fnu), political officer

Major Iarin (fnu), organization officer

Major Rezinkin (fnu), personnel officer

Lieutenant Colonel Tolstoroshev (fnu), physician

Lieutenant Colonel Zirtanov (fnu), chief of Section No I, assembly and disassembly

Captain Pratazov (fnu), chief of Sections No II and III, electric installations

Major Khluzov (fnu), Chief of Section No IV, spare part and tool production

Major Voronin (fnu), chief of Section No V, locksmith's shop and plumber shop

Major Khluzov (fnu), chief of Section No VI, galvanization

Major Makov (fnu), chief of Section VII, engine construction

Major Shikhkin (fnu), chief of Section No VIII. 6

10. The September quota of 23 T-34 tanks was not fulfilled; 19 T-34s were completed that month. The quota fixed for October was also 23 tanks. 1
11. On 5 October, 548 German workers were employed in the plant. There was still a shortage of specialists, such as turners, welders and locksmiths. 5

12. The following is a list of rail shipments dispatched by the Soviet tank repair shop, [] Wuensdorf, in August and September 1953:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of PR Cars</u>	<u>Shipment in tons</u>	<u>To</u>
August 1 to 31	8 E	Tank spare parts	Muellrose
1 and 24	2 RRY	tanks, 82 tons	Haldensleben
3	1 RRY	" 64 tons	Jena
5 and 21	2 RRY	" 85 tons	Ohrdruf
14	1 RRY	" 64 tons	Halle
	1 RRY	" 64 tons	Koenigsbrunn
15	1 RRY	" 35 tons	Berlin-Schoeneweide
20	1 RRY	" 50 tons	Roederau
	1 RRY	" 50 tons	Sperenberg
21 and 31	4 RRY	" 210 tons	Dranse

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24	1 RRy	tanks, 32 tons	Bernau
	1 PRy		Frankfurt/Oder
	1 RRy	" 34 tons	Wittenberg
31	1 SSy	" 35 "	Oschatz
	1 SSy	" 35 "	Jueterbog
	1 SSy	" 32 "	Peitz
	1 SSy	" 32 "	Forst Zinna
September 1 to 31	6 B	tank spare parts	Muellrose
12	3 B	" "	Kummersdorf
18	2 B	" "	Dresden-Neustadt
28	2 B	" "	Finow
1	1 SSy	tanks, 50 tons	Ohrdruf
2	1 SSy	" 35 tons	Altruppin
2 and 20	5 SSy	" 180 tons	Dallgow
7	1 RRy	" 30 tons	Koenigsbrueck
16	1 SSy	" 32 tons	Neuruppin
	1 SSy	" 32 tons	Haldensleben
16 and 20	2 RRy	" 105 tons	Neustrelitz
16	3 RRy	" 175 tons	Peitz
	1 SSy	" 36 tons	Wolmirstedt
	2 RRy	" 140 tons	Lossa
19	1 RRy	" 30 tons	Roederau
	2 RRy	" 95 tons	Jueterbog
20	1 SSy	" 40 tons	Finsterwalde
	2 RRy	" 70 tons	Crawinkel
25	1 SSy	" 32 tons	Halle
19	2 B	tank spare parts	Altluedersdorf
14	13 B	military goods	Frankfurt/Oder, border

B - Boxcar

RRy - Heavy duty flatcar

SSy - " " "

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3. Comment. [] belongs to a depot for field kitchen equipment and field bakeries in Frankfurt/Oder-Winterhafen. The manometers, which presumably belonged to field baking ovens, were to be repaired in Wuensdorf. [] belongs to the Quartermaster and Supply Administration of the GOFG. It may be seen all over the zone.

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4. Comment. The central tank spare part depot of the GOFG is located in Muellrose.

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5. Comment. The strength of Soviet personnel at the plant appears to have been exaggerated, while the figure on the German personnel is given credence.

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